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Col. 10, line 4, delete "initial communications" and insert --initial communication-- (Amend. C, p. 3, claim 3, line 13).

Col. 10, line 9, delete "claim 3" and insert --claim 2-- (Amend. C, claim 4, line 2).

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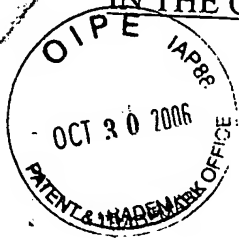
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IN THE CLAIMS:



Please amend claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A communication distribution controlling method distributing one communication to any of a plurality of relay devices capable of relaying the one communication in correspondence with a connection request of the one communication within a series of communications from a client, comprising the steps of:
  - receiving a communication connection request from a client;
  - determining from an identifier written in a communication connection request, whether or not a communication connection used commonly for passing communications of a same one series is established; and
  - connecting the requested communication to a particular relay device as a relay destination of an established communication connection if the communication connection is established,

wherein said identifier is an IP address of said client, or is contained within the URL or header information of the communication connection request.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) A communication distribution controlling method distributing one communication to any of a plurality of relay devices capable of

relaying the one communication in correspondence with a connection request of the one communication within a series of communications from a client, comprising the steps of:

receiving a connection request of an initial communication within a series of communications from a client;

establishing a communication connection for the communication requested to be connected;

connecting the requested communication to a particular relay device as a relay destination of the established connection; and

notifying a client side of an identifier identifying the established connection so as to have the same identifier be written into connection requests of communications to follow the initial communication,

wherein said identifier is contained within the URL or header information of the communication connection request.

4. (Original) The communication distribution controlling method according to claim 3, further comprising:

monitoring an elapsed time from when the initial communication within the series of communications from the client is disconnected; and

invalidating the communication connection corresponding to the series of communications, and the identifier corresponding to the communication connection, when the elapsed time exceeds a predetermined value.

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